

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 25-29, 31, 33, 35, 36 and 39-54 are in this case. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 25-29, 31, 33, 35, 36, 39, 40 and 43-54 have been allowed. Claims 41 and 42 have been objected to. Independent claim 41 has been amended.

Objections

The Examiner has objected to claim 41 for reciting two identical steps ((g) and (i)) and to claim 42 for depending from claim 41.

Claim 41 is supposed to be claim 10 rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claim 41 has been amended by deleting steps (h) and (i) and relabeling step (j) as step (h).

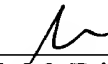
With independent claim 41 now in condition for allowance, claim 42 that depends therefrom also is in condition for allowance.

Other Amendments to the Claims

As suggested by the Examiner, the second "claim 19" has been canceled.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 16, 25, 26, 29, 31, 39-41, 43-45, 47, 48 and 50-53, and hence dependent claims 2-5, 7, 8, 12, 15, 18, 19, 22, 27, 28, 33, 35, 36, 42, 46, 49 and 54 are in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

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